

HONORING PENNSYLVANIA'S FIFTH DISTRICT CLASS OF 2021

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Pennsylvania's Fifth District class of 2021 and wish them well in their next adventures.

As we watched the world change before our eyes over the past year-and-a-half, we also saw the strength and determination of young people in our district, throughout the U.S., and across the globe.

We saw students pick up jobs to help support their families, take to the streets to support causes they believed in deeply, and contribute their time and savings to help others in need.

Whether they realized it or not, their energy and activism have shifted the national conversation around issues like gun violence, racial justice, and the climate crisis.

We are at an inflection point of history, science, and technology, and I have never been more inspired or hopeful than I am for this generation.

I also want to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to all the teachers and school staff who showed such dedication and resilience as they guided our students through the challenges of a pandemic with patience, courage, and innovation.

Graduates, the world is waiting for our next wave of leaders, and we know that you are ready for the challenge. Congratulations.

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ARVN DAY HONORS THE SERVICE OF VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day. June 19th is ARVN Day, which honors the service and sacrifice of the South Vietnamese soldiers who fought to defend a free Vietnam.

Thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers fought alongside our U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam war in defense of freedom and democracy. They deserve our appreciation and respect for their service.

After the fall of Saigon, many who fought with the South Vietnamese forces fled Vietnam to escape tyranny. Many found a home here in the United States. Today, there are over 100,000 veterans from the Republic of Vietnam living in California.

On ARVN Day, we honor the sacrifice of those who served and remember those who paid the ultimate price in the pursuit of freedom.

STATEHOOD FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, the D.C. statehood bill will receive a hearing in the Senate, and I expect the date to be announced today. I appreciate that our D.C. statehood bill has already passed the House, and I thank the House.

Our hearings and House passage have alerted Americans that the residents of their own Nation's Capital do not have the same rights as other Americans. As a result, a detailed poll now shows that 54 percent of the American people support D.C. statehood for the District of Columbia.

As Americans who pay the highest Federal taxes per capita in the United States, D.C. residents say it is about time—indeed, well past time—for Congress to grant statehood to the residents of the District of Columbia.

THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT MUST BE ADDRESSED

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the disastrous consequences of the House majority's failure to address the California drought.

As you can see in this photo, California's water levels are dramatically low. This water is supposed to be up all the way at the tree line. The reservoirs are low at this point because of disastrous policies that force us to waste water during the wetter years.

Countless communities are relying on this water. If this is what we are seeing in the beginning of the system in the north, how are we supposed to supply the entire State of California with enough clean water to survive?

Across the State, communities rely on water supplied by the federally managed Central Valley Project. Last month the Bureau of Reclamation announced that Central Valley farmers would receive zero percent of their contracts, effectively signing a death sentence for their fields.

Acres of half-grown crops meant to feed families across the Nation are being abandoned to dry up and die. Meanwhile, the majority refuses to even consider my legislation, the RENEW WIIN Act, which would help prevent this from happening again in the future.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to acknowledge the suffering of California families and get to work to help them.

WE MUST PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to be a voice for the most innocent and vulnerable among us. This

Sunday many families, including mine, will celebrate Father's Day.

My faith and my family are the most important parts of my life, and I couldn't be more grateful for my wife, Chelsea; and our two sons, Guy and Sam. Being the father of Guy and Sam has only intensified my belief that we must protect the sanctity of life. Our society cannot leave our most vulnerable unprotected.

Safeguarding the right to life has always been one of my top priorities, and I will continue working to protect life at every stage of development.

As a Christian and a father, I will always fight for the right to life and for traditional family values. We must protect those who cannot protect themselves.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. ANNE SCHUCHAT

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor CDC's Principal Deputy Director Anne Schuchat for her outstanding career in medicine and public health.

Dr. Schuchat joined the CDC in 1988 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer. Since joining the agency, she has served as chief of the Respiratory Diseases Branch, director of the National Center For Immunization and Respiratory Diseases and as acting CDC director twice.

Her contributions have been recognized by an election to the National Academy of Medicine, and she has received the United States Public Health Service's Distinguished Service Medal and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Lifetime Achievement Award, among many other awards and recognitions.

Dr. Schuchat has dedicated her life to improving public health around the world and has inspired many young women to go into medicine and public health.

As a lifelong healthcare professional, I congratulate Dr. Schuchat on her retirement and commend her for her hard work over the past 33 years.

CLARISSA ROZENBOOM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a very special day for a woman in my district, but I also want to say how joyful it is to see people's faces and smiles now that we are following the science and not fining the science.

I am rising today to celebrate a very special day for a woman in my district. Last week on June 8, Clarissa Rozenboom of Oskaloosa, Iowa, celebrated her 100th birthday. Clarissa was